



Familiarity breeds unfamiliarity.

Dallas Willard

Matthew 11:18-19

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' 19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

Matthew 9:9-13

9 As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. 10 And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples.

Matthew 9:9-13

And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” 12 But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

The call of Christ is not an invitation to follow some principles or a philosophy, but an invitation to follow a person.

You don't come to Christ because you like what he says. You come to him because of who he is, then you grow to desire what he says. Tim Keller

If we don't show mercy to the "sick" then we are the ones who are sick.

When Jesus said I will have mercy and not sacrifice he meant that it does no good to be religious but be full of pride, prejudice, harshness, hatred. We can go even further by saying that to be someone who claims to be of the truth and hold this line, is far more detestable than that of those who were addicted to the course vices of the multitude.

A.B. Bruce

**The only way to be worthy
is to realize you are unworthy.**

1 Peter 2:9-10

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**Jesus doesn't just call us his friends
but he makes us his priests.**

